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TO AMEMBASSY BONN PRIORITY

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TAGS: PINR (BANCROFT, WILLIAM, H., JR.)

SUBJ: WILLIAM H. BANCROFT, JR.

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1. THE CONSULATE GENERAL HAS HAD SOME EXPERIENCE WITH MR. BANCROFT AS HAS EMBASSY BANGKOK. HE HAS BEEN OCCASIONALLY RESIDENT IN HONG KONG OVER THE PAST YEAR HAD HAS REGALED US WITH LONG ACCOUNTS OF NEAR-BILLION DOLLAR DEALS INVOLVING INTERNATIONAL INTRIGUE, BUT NONE OF THEM HAVE EVER SEEMED TO WORK OUT. AT ONE POINT, A WORRIED COMPANY IN THE UNITED STATES, WHICH WANTED TO SEVER CONNECTIONS WITH HIM, TELE-

PHONED US TO OBTAIN OUR DENIAL THAT BANCROFT WAS WORKING WITH "U.S. INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES" IN HONG KONG.

AT ANOTHER POINT, HE BROUGHT AROUND A TAPED TELEPHONE CALL FROM A BANKER IN FRANKFURT WHO SOUNDED AMAZINGLY AS HE WERE WILLING TO OFFER BANCROFT UNLIMITED CREDIT.

2. THE INSIDE POLITICAL INFORMATION THAT BANCROFT PICKS UP AS HE CONSTRUCTS HIS INTERNAIONAL DEALS HAS ALSO NOT PROVED OUT SO FAR.

3. WE SUGGEST THAT EMBASSY BONN TREAT THE GENTLEMAN WITH
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